

international trade was discussed and particular attention was given to primary commodities. The Commission also discussed compensatory financing and measures which would promote stable prices of basic commodities in world markets.

Commission on Narcotic Drugs

The Narcotics Commission met in Geneva from April 29 to May 17. It emphasized the sociological aspects of drug addiction, noted the urgent need for research in this question, and expressed the hope that the member states and the Specialized Agencies would encourage such studies.

After considering a report which attempted to determine the extent of drug addiction in the world, the Commission urged member states to adopt concrete measures to restrict the use of narcotics to medicinal purposes. The Commission also reviewed a report covering illicit traffic in narcotic drugs during the past year, especially in the Far East, where no part of the area could be considered as free from trafficking operations. The Commission agreed that only concerted efforts by central authorities throughout the world could counter the threat directed at the international community by the illicit traffic in drugs.

Regional Economic Commissions

There are four Regional Economic Commissions of the United Nations—for Latin America (ECLA), for Asia and the Far East (ECAFE), for Africa (ECA), and for Europe (ECE). These provide machinery for economic co-operation among member countries. Canada is a member of ECLA, and participated at ECLA's tenth session, which met at Mar del Plata, Argentina, from May 6 to 18. A major item on the agenda was ECLA's participation in the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. Dr. Raul Prebisch, who has been appointed Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, participated at this ECLA session for the last time as its Executive Secretary. He has been succeeded by Dr. Antonio Mayobre, a former Finance Minister of Venezuela.

Canada was represented by observers at the 1963 sessions of ECAFE, ECA, and ECE. The ECAFE session, which took place in Manila from March 5 to 18, adopted, *inter alia*, a resolution calling for the strengthening and acceleration of Asian economic co-operation. The Commission also agreed to the requests of Australia and New Zealand to be included in the geographical scope of ECAFE, as well as to Western Samoa's application for full membership.

The fifth session of ECA was held in Leopoldville from February 18 to March 2. It approved a resolution asking the member governments to take the necessary final steps towards the early establishment of an African